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Report of the President for the Year 1948

The year 1948 has proved itself a turning point in the history of the Association of the Pacific, not only enlarging the scope of its membership, but broadening its interests.

In voting, just a year ago, to become a branch of the National Society, our membership has more than doubled and is now close to 300, and still growing. This new affiliation has brought us into closer relation with the officers and personnel of the National Society, whose President, John H. Baker, and Vice-president, Carl Buchheiser, honored us at dinner meetings. They gave us new light on the affairs of conservation and our own usefulness in this field.

We have taken an active interest in the preservation of the Butano Forest in the Santa Cruz Mountains, and closer home, in our own Regional Park's Primitive Area, and in the Aquatic Park on the Bayshore of West Berkeley.

Through the able research of Mrs. Kelly and her committee, a thorough study is now in progress of the Alameda Marsh areas suitable for a possible future refuge for waterfowl and shore birds.

We have been represented by an active part in various conservation conventions, meeting in this region during the past year; such as the State Board of Education Conservation Workshop, the California Conservation Council and the U. S. Fish and Game Commission.

Five Junior Audubon Clubs have been organized.

The newly established Audubon Nature Camp of California in the High Sierra was attended by 29 of our members, the association providing one scholarship. Besides this, two other scholarships were made possible through the personal contributions and activities of our members, Mrs. Laurel Reynolds and Mrs. Dorothy Dean Sheldon.

A CARE package has been sent each month to Mr. Kurt Merkel and his family, he being a fellow ornithologist in occupied Germany. These have been gratefully acknowledged by him in frequent letters.

We hereby render grateful appreciation to the special committees who have worked so faithfully and enthusiastically. We look forward to a bright and interesting future for the study and protection of Wildlife.

Respectfully submitted,
Ethel E. Richardson.

February Field Trip

Sunday, February 13th the trip was taken to Tomales Bay, Marin Co. and environs. Members and guests gathered at Point Reyes Station after some birding enroute.

Due to the large territory to cover and desires of certain members to see some particular location, several groups were formed. The main group went up the east side of Tomales Bay as far as the town of Tomales and some even further. Another group went out to Tomales Point at the west side of the entrance to the Bay. One car went to Point Reyes while another went to Limantour Bay which opens off of Drakes Bay. So the entire region around Tomales Bay was covered.

The weather was fine for birding. It was cold with a little wind but the air was very clear and not a cloud in the sky.

There had been reports of some very interesting birds in the locality, and all of them but Emperor Geese were seen. Mrs. Richardson located a Glaucous Gull. Mrs. Neilson spotted an Old-squaw. The party with Mrs. Kelly saw Harlequin Ducks. The car load which included Howard Cogswell saw Starlings, which have now ended their western trek in America by finally reaching the Pacific Ocean. A group of around 500 White Pelicans was seen both on shore and in the air. Also a flock of thousands of Black Brant was seen in the air.

About sixty members and guests were present.

Ninety-nine species of birds were noted as follows:

Common Loon
Red-throated Loon
Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe
Western Grebe
Pied-billed Grebe
Pacific Fulmar
White Pelican
Brown Pelican
Farallon Cormorant
Brandt Cormorant
Baird Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
American Egret
Black-cr. Night Heron
Black Brant Goose
Mallard
Baldpate
Pintail
Shoveller
Canvas-back
Lesser Scaup
American Golden-eye
Buffle-head
Old Squaw
Harlequin
White-winged Scoter
Surf Scoter
Ruddy Duck
AmericanMerganser
Turkey Vulture
Sharp-skinned Hawk
Cooper Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Marsh Hawk
Duck Hawk
Pigeon Hawk
Sparrow Hawk
California Quail
Coot
Black Oyster-catcher
Killdeer
Surf-bird
Black Turnstone
Wilson's Snipe
Long-billed Curlew
Willet
Greater Yellow-legs
Least Sandpiper
Red-backed Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper
Glaucous Gull
Glaucous-winged Gull
Western Gull
Herring Gull
California Gull
California Murre
Burrowing Owl
Belted Kingfisher
Red-shafted Flicker
Hairy Woodpecker
Black Phoebe
Say Phoebe
Horned Lark
Steller Jay
California Jay
American Raven
Crow
Bush-Tit
Pygmy Nuthatch
Wren-Tit
Bewick Wren
Robin
Varied Thrush
Hermit Thrush
Western Bluebird
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
American Pipit
California Shrike
Starling
Audubon Warbler
Yellow-throat
English Sparrow
Western Meadowlark
Red-wing Blackbird
Tricolored Blackbird
Brewer Blackbird
Cowbird
Cal. Purple Finch
House Finch
Spotted Towhee
Brown Towhee
Savannah Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Oregon Junco
White-crowned Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow

Arthur J. Bennett,
Leader and Historian.

Audubon Association of The Pacific

Condensed Treasurer's Report for 1948

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Balance on hand January 1, 1948		$ 36.40	
Receipts in 1947	$651.51		
Transfer from Savings Account	400.00	1051.51	$1087.91
Expenditures		$ 579.98	
Balance in commercial account January 1, 1949		445.63	
Cash on hand January 1, 1949		62.30	$1087.91

TOTAL ASSETS:

Commercial account	$ 445.63	
Cash	62.30	
Savings account	66.67	
U.S. Treasury Bond	370.00	$ 944.60

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in force December 31, 1947	138
Membership in force December 31, 1948	285

Ivander MacIver, Treasurer.

January 25, 1949. Approved by Harold G. Peterson.

Observations

Edited by Junea W. Kelly

The following observations have been reported:

1 Emperor Goose, Dec. 18, Tomales Bay; 6 Hooded Mergansers, St. Mary's College, Moraga, Dec. 26, Harry C. Adamson.

Water Ouzel, Jan. 27, Eureka Canyon a few miles north of Corralitos about ten miles from Watsonville, A. J. Bennett.

A pair of Blue-winged Teal, Jan. 2, Sharp's Point, San Mateo Co., Howard L. Cogswell and Harry C. Adamson.

1600 Whistling Swans, Victoria Island, Borden Highway, Jan. 30, Herman V. Leffler. 6 Whistling Swans flying high over San Francisco, Dec. 28, George T. Kilham.

1 Pacific Kittiwake, Feb. 3, Pacific Grove, Seth Bailey.

3 Tree Swallows, Jan. 16, St. Mary's Lake, Moraga; Male Hooded Merganser, 1 American Merganser, Jan. 15, Lake at Orinda Country Club. 1 Yellow-shafted Flicker, Berkeley Campus, Jan. 16, Kenneth Schulz and Bob Will.

1 Nelson Sharp-tailed Sparrow had been reported by the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society as having been seen for some time at Alviso. It was seen Jan. 30 by Seth Bailey and Junea W. Kelly.

There also has been a report of Emperor Geese and Fulmars from the Monterey Region. On Feb. 3, a party of five including the writer saw four Emperor Geese on the lagoon at the mouth of the Carmel River and about 14 Pacific Fulmar at a cannery pier, Pacific Grove.

1 Slate-colored Junco, Feb. 5, Berkeley Campus, Junea W. Kelly.

All Field reports should be in writing and reach the editor of Observations before the 20th of the month.

Please note Correction—In the Christmas census report, page seven, of the February Gull column (4), it should read Black Turnstones instead of Ruddy.

Junea W. Kelly.

Correction on Census; Total Coot—645—Editor.

Report of 1948 Field Trip Committee

Month	*Location*	*Attendance*	*Species*
January	Campus, University of California	47	42
February	Burlingame & Lakes	23	57
March	East Bay Regional Park	18	35
April	Livermore, McCoy Ranch	40	54
	Alameda, Bay Farm Island	45	39
May	Pope Valley, Napa Co.	55	77
	St. Mary's, Moraga	23	55
June	Ross Valley, Marin Co.	30	43
July	Land's End & Vicinity, S. F.	14	28
August	Tennessee Cove, Marin Co.	34	52
September	Alameda, Bay Farm Island	58	31
October	Golden Gate Park, S. F.	34	31
November	Rodeo Lagoon, Marin Co.	60	75
December	Lake Merritt, Oakland	26	56
	Average	36	48
	Total Species for year		179

The success of the year is due to the fine spirit of our leaders who volunteered and served so well.

Arthur H. Myer, Chairman.

March Meeting

The 378th meeting of the Audubon Association of the Pacific will be held March 10th at the Oakland Public Museum, Lake Merritt, Oak & 14th Sts. Business meeting at 7:30. Program at 8 p.m. Miss Alice Mulford, Curator of the Museum, will tell of the work done in the Natural Sciences and the children's projects. The question of changing the name of the Association will be presented at the business meeting. A full attendance is urged. No-host dinner at Zerikotes', Lake Merritt at 6 p.m.

March Field Trip

Sunday, the 13th, to Joyce Island Game Refuge near Suisun Bay. This will necessitate a boat trip of about seven miles from Suisun to Joyce Island. The cost will depend on the number attending, but will not be over $1.00 round trip. Suisun is less than a mile east of airfield (about 20 miles north of Vallejo) on Hiway 40. Turn off Hiway 40 at sign near Fairfield Courthouse. Meet at Hodan's Fishing Camp at Suisun at 9:00 a.m. or at The Alameda and Solano Ave., Berkeley (end of "F" line) at 8:00 a.m. From San Francisco take 7:32 a.m. "F" train to end of line. Leader, Dr. T. Eric Reynolds. Bring lunch, friends and binoculars.

Special Field Trip

Saturday, the 26th, to the Camp Tahloma Area of Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley Hills. Meet at the Reservior, head of Spruce St., Berkeley, Bus 67 at 9:00 a.m. Take 8:07 a.m. "F" train from San Francisco, get off at University Ave.; autos will meet train.

One can leave camp by noon if desired or bring lunch and continue after lunch.

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Monthly meetings second Thursday, 8:00 p. m.